



## KENTUCKY BOARD OF INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

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### **MEMORANDUM FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**TO:** All Licensees, Temporary Licensees, and Applicants  
**FROM:** Kentucky Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
**RE:** Executive Orders 2020-215, 2020-243, and 2020-257, and Senate Bill 150  
**DATE:** April 27, 2020

On March 6, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear declared by Executive Order 2020-215 that a State of Emergency of the public health exists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

On March 18, 2020, Governor Beshear issued Executive Order 2020-243. This Executive Order encourages all citizens of the Commonwealth to take all feasible measures to engage in appropriate social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19, in accordance with guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Kentucky Department of Public Health.

Executive Order 2020-243 orders all boards to take actions necessary to ensure appropriate social distancing and states that any state statute or regulation that conflicts with the provisions of Executive Order 2020-243 is suspended.

On March 25, 2020, Governor Beshear issued Executive Order 2020-257, which requires the closure of businesses that are not life sustaining, mandates the institution of social distancing and hygiene practices for businesses that remain open, and mandates teleworking for those business that can accommodate it.

On March 26, 2020, the General Assembly enacted Senate Bill No. 150. The Governor

signed this Bill on March 30, 2020. This Bill allows boards to waive or suspend the fees or administrative obligations required to engage in business regulated by the board during the state of emergency. The Board has determined that the following Board regulations are affected by Executive Orders 2020-215, 2020-243, and 2020-257, and Senate Bill 150:

1. **201 KAR 39:090. Continuing education requirements.** Section 1 requires a person who is licensed as an interpreter to earn 15 hours of approved continuing education during a licensure period, and Section 2 requires a person who holds a temporary license as an interpreter to earn 18 hours of approved continuing education during the licensure period. During the state of emergency, the board is waiving continuing education submissions for the July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020 licensure period. Under 201 KAR 39:090, Section 7, all continuing education hours earned during the July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020 licensure period, whether or not they have already been submitted to the board as part of the renewal process, shall carry over to the 2020-2021 licensure period.
2. **201 KAR 39.040. Fees.** The annual renewal fee for licensees and the extension application fee to maintain or extend a temporary license for the July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020 licensure period shall be waived until 90 days after the state of emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-215 has ended.
3. **201 KAR 39:070. Application and qualifications for temporary licensure.** Section 3(2), requires that: “[d]uring the period of training and supervision the mentor shall meet with the licensee on a quarterly basis. One (1) of these meetings shall be on a face-to-face basis with each person being mentored. The remaining meetings may be through the use of video or video conferencing or any other method outlined in the approved plan of supervision.” The face-to-face requirement once per quarter is suspended. During the State of Emergency contained Executive Order 2020-215, all meetings may be through

the use of video or video teleconferencing or any other method outlined in the approved plan of supervision.

Please note that these changes are only in place during the State of Emergency announced in Executive Order 2020-215 and will expire when the State of Emergency has ceased.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Board Administrator, Tiler Hahn, at

[KBI@ky.gov](mailto:KBI@ky.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenya McPheeters". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kenya McPheeters  
Board Chair